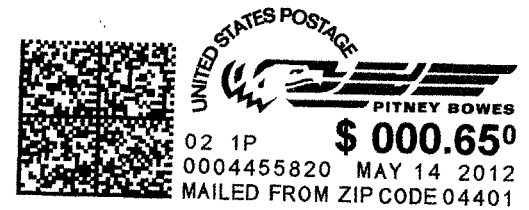


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160 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401



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The Norm Prouty Real Estate Show
57 Mayo Road
Hampden, Maine 04444

May 11, 2012

Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission, Attn: CGB Room 3-B431
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning

I am writing to petition for an exemption from closed captioning for "The Norm Prouty Real Estate Show". It is a half-hour weekly show centered around a single real estate agent. It showcases area homes that I've listed. The homes are shown visually, with narrated interior/exterior video tours; as well as graphics that list information such as city/town and price.

Being a small, local show; I have neither the resources nor personnel to perform closed captioning. Enclosed please find my 2011 tax return that relays my financial status.

We have looked into the cost of closed captioning multiple times, including within the last two weeks. We have been quoted both through professional video services and through WFVX where the show is broadcast. I've been quoted \$250-500 per week, on a show that costs \$150 per week in airtime, plus production costs. It is a timely process that the station does not have excess personnel to perform for less than their standard production rates. The timeliness of getting closed captioning is also a concern because of the up to date nature of the market/show. The show is delivered to the station on Saturday for Sunday airing. Getting closed captioning turned around quickly on a weekend is extremely difficult.

We have, and continue to look for outside sponsors for the show both locally and regionally. With the housing market and economy, it continues to prove difficult to secure and maintain regular paying sponsors. The show currently has one paying sponsor paying \$50. Without being able to secure more regularly paying sponsors, we cannot support the additional expense of closed captioning.

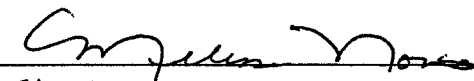
There are many people that look forward to being able to preview area homes in a convenient manner. To add closed captioning expenses, would double or triple the cost of producing the program, making it economically unfeasible. Without the closed captioning waiver, we would have to pull the show from the market, and the community. Because of the nature of the show (video tours) it is of service to the hearing and hearing impaired communities, with or without closed captioning. I would put forth that having the show on air available to the community, even without closed captioning; is a better service to the community than not having it available at all.

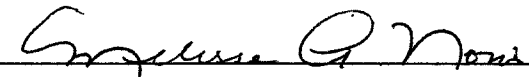
Respectfully Submitted,



Norm Prouty

Before the undersigned, I Norm Prouty, residing in Penobscot County, Maine; certify that the above information is truthful.

Witness: 
Date: 5/14/12

Public Notary: 
Date: 5/14/12

Date of Expiry of Notary's
Commission: _____

MELISSA A. NORRIS
Notary Public • State of Maine
My Commission Expires August 3, 2018

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Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service (99)

Form **1040** U.S. Individual Income Tax Return **2011**

OMB No. 1545-0074 IRS Use Only — Do not write or staple in this space.

For the year Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2011, or other tax year beginning , 2011, ending , 20

See separate instructions.

Your first name MI Last name

Your social security number

NORMAN PROUTY

If a joint return, spouse's first name MI Last name

Spouse's social security number

WANDA PROUTY

Home address (number and street). If you have a P.O. box, see instructions.

Apartment no.

57 MAYO RD

▲ Make sure the SSN(s) above and on line 6c are correct.

City, town or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below (see instructions).

State ZIP code

HAMPDEN, ME 04444

Presidential Election Campaign

Foreign country name

Foreign province/county

Foreign postal code

Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund? Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund. ☐ You ☐ Spouse

Filing Status

1 ☐ Single2 ☒ Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)3 ☐ Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above & full name here. ▶4 ☐ Head of household (with qualifying person). (See instructions.) If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶5 ☐ Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

Check only one box.

Exemptions

6a ☒ Yourself. If someone can claim you as a dependent, do not check box 6ab ☒ Spouse

Boxes checked on 6a and 6b . . . No. of children on 6c who:

2

c Dependents:

(1) First name Last name

(2) Dependent's social security number

(3) Dependent's relationship to you

(4) ☒ if child under age 17 qualifying for child tax or (see instrs)• lived with you
• did not live with you due to divorce or separation (see instrs) . . .

Dependents on 6c not entered above .

Add numbers on lines above . . . ▶

2

d Total number of exemptions claimed

Income

7 Wages, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2

7

8a Taxable interest. Attach Schedule B if required

8a

28.

b Tax-exempt interest. Do not include on line 8a

8b

9a Ordinary dividends. Attach Schedule B if required

9a

b Qualified dividends

9b

10 Taxable refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes

10

2,298.

11 Alimony received

11

12 Business income or (loss). Attach Schedule C or C-EZ

12

29,169.

13 Capital gain or (loss). Att Sch D if reqd. If not reqd, ck here

13

11,860.

14 Other gains or (losses). Attach Form 4797

14

15a IRA distributions

15a

b Taxable amount

15b

16a Pensions and annuities

16a

26,045.

b Taxable amount

16b

25,587.

17 Rental real estate, royalties, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, etc. Attach Schedule E

17

16,298.

18 Farm income or (loss). Attach Schedule F

18

19 Unemployment compensation

19

20a Social security benefits

20a

b Taxable amount

20b

21 Other income

21

22 Combine the amounts in the far right column for lines 7 through 21. This is your total income

22

85,240.

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Forms W-2G and 1099-R if tax was withheld.

If you did not get a W-2, see instructions.

Enclose, but do not attach, any payment. Also, please use Form 1040-V.

Adjusted Gross Income

23 Educator expenses

23

24 Certain business expenses of reservists, performing artists, and fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106 or 2106-EZ

24

25 Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889

25

26 Moving expenses. Attach Form 3903

26

27 Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE

27

2,061.

28 Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans

28

3,500.

29 Self-employed health insurance deduction

29

11,725.

30 Penalty on early withdrawal of savings

30

31a Alimony paid b Recipient's SSN.

31a

32 IRA deduction

32

12,000.

33 Student loan interest deduction

33

34 Tuition and fees. Attach Form 8917

34

35 Domestic production activities deduction. Attach Form 8903

35

36 Add lines 23 through 35

36

29,286.

37 Subtract line 36 from line 22. This is your adjusted gross income

37

55,954.

Tax and Credits

38 Amount from line 37 (adjusted gross income) 38 55,954.⁷

39a Check ☐ You were born before January 2, 1947, ☐ Blind. Total boxes checked ☐ 39a

if: ☐ Spouse was born before January 2, 1947, ☐ Blind. ☐ 39b

b If your spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien, check here ☐ 39b

Standard Deduction for —

• People who check any box on line 39a or 39b or who can be claimed as a dependent, see instructions.

• All others:
Single or Married filing separately, \$5,800
Married filing jointly or Qualifying widow(er), \$11,600
Head of household, \$8,500

40 Itemized deductions (from Schedule A) or your standard deduction (see instructions) 40 15,069.

41 Subtract line 40 from line 38. 41 40,885.

42 Exemptions. Multiply \$3,700 by the number on line 6d. 42 7,400.

43 Taxable income. Subtract line 42 from line 41. If line 42 is more than line 41, enter -0-. 43 33,485.

44 Tax (see instrs). Check if any from: a ☐ Form(s) 8814 c ☐ 962 election b ☐ Form 4972 44 4,171.

45 Alternative minimum tax (see instructions). Attach Form 6251. 45 0.

46 Add lines 44 and 45. 46 4,171.

Other Taxes

47 Foreign tax credit. Attach Form 1116 if required. 47

48 Credit for child and dependent care expenses. Attach Form 2441. 48

49 Education credits from Form 8863, line 23. 49

50 Retirement savings contributions credit. Attach Form 8880. 50

51 Child tax credit (see instructions). 51

52 Residential energy credits. Attach Form 5695. 52

53 Other crs from Form: a ☐ 3800 b ☐ 8801 c ☐ 53

54 Add lines 47 through 53. These are your total credits. 54

55 Subtract line 54 from line 46. If line 54 is more than line 46, enter -0-. 55 4,171.

56 Self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE. 56 3,583.

57 Unreported social security and Medicare tax from Form: a ☐ 4137 b ☐ 8919 57

58 Additional tax on IRAs, other qualified retirement plans, etc. Attach Form 5329 if required. 58

59a Household employment taxes from Schedule H. 59a

b First-time homebuyer credit repayment. Attach Form 5405 if required. 59b

60 Other taxes. Enter code(s) from instructions. 60

61 Add lines 55-60. This is your total tax. 61 7,754.

Payments

If you have a qualifying child, attach Schedule EIC.

62 Federal income tax withheld from Forms W-2 and 1099. 62 1,803.

63 2011 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2010 return. 63 15,000.

64a Earned income credit (EIC). 64a

b Nontaxable combat pay election. ☐ 64b

65 Additional child tax credit. Attach Form 8812. 65

66 American opportunity credit from Form 8863, line 14. 66

67 First-time homebuyer credit from Form 5405, line 10. 67

68 Amount paid with request for extension to file. 68

69 Excess social security and tier 1 RRTA tax withheld. 69

70 Credit for federal tax on fuels. Attach Form 4136. 70

71 Credits from Form: a ☐ 2439 b ☐ 8839 c ☐ 8801 d ☐ 8885. 71

72 Add lns 62, 63, 64a, & 65-71. These are your total pmts. 72 16,803.

Refund

73 If line 72 is more than line 61, subtract line 61 from line 72. This is the amount you overpaid. 73 9,049.

74a Amount of line 73 you want refunded to you. If Form 8888 is attached, check here. ☐ 74a 4,049.

Direct deposit? See instructions.

b Routing number. XXXXXXXXXXXX c Type: ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

d Account number. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

75 Amount of line 73 you want applied to your 2012 estimated tax. 75 5,000.

Amount You Owe

76 Amount you owe. Subtract line 72 from line 61. For details on how to pay see instructions. 76

77 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). 77

Third Party Designee

Do you want to allow another person to discuss this return with the IRS (see instructions)? ☒ Yes. Complete below. ☐ No

Designee's name STEVE MORRELL Phone no. 207-862-4996 Personal identification number (PIN) 01121

Sign Here

Joint return? See instructions.

Keep a copy for your records.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Your signature: [Signature] Date: 4/14/12 Your occupation: HOME SALES Daytime phone number: 207 428 5951

Spouse's signature. If a joint return, both must sign. [Signature] Date: 4/14/12 Spouse's occupation: RETIRED If the IRS sent you an Identity Protection PIN, enter it here (see inst)

Print/Type preparer's name STEVE MORRELL Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 4/13/12 Check ☒ if self-employed PTIN P01216429

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Firm's name STEVE MORRELL Firm's EIN 01-0363269

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